

RAIN CUT SHORT HATFIELD PICNIC

Hundreds Gathered in Grove to Hear
Speakers. Visit and Feast—
Ball Game Spoiled by
Downpour.

Last Wednesday began like an ideal day for a gathering in the woods such as the people of Hatfield had planned. Early all was ready for the coming of the hundreds, who in "Sunday best" attire came in by wagon and carriage from all directions. A big American flag flying from a tall staff at the school house made an attractive marker showing the center of the festivities, and here the visitors gathered.

On the grounds were circle swings, cold drink stands and the ever present doll baby rack, where the youth of the land practiced at throwing, perhaps fitting themselves for famous ball players in later years.

A speaker's stand had been provided, together with seats for the audience, and about 11 o'clock the W. O. W. band of Cove sent forth to the hundreds strains of music that drew them within range of the voices of the speakers.

Prof. Joe Allen first introduced W. M. Pipkin, Democratic nominee for Representative from Polk county.

Mr. Pipkin made no effort at flowery speech making, but with few words got right down to iron tacks on what he believed constituted the duties of a representative of Polk county in the state legislature.

Mr. Pipkin said that in the early days of Polk county, before the coming of the railroad, the fee system, as related to the county officers was all right. He stated that at that time the reward of the sheriff-collector did not exceed \$800 a year, and other offices in about the same proportion. Now since the large increase in taxable property, the same fee system then in force brought the sheriff, circuit clerk and county clerk approximately \$3,500 an year each, which, he contended, was far in excess of what the duties of the officers justified. He thought that the assessor's office, now paying about \$1,000 a year and requiring but three months' work, could be just as efficiently filled for \$500. He proposed, if elected, to use his utmost endeavors to have a law passed that would place all these officers on a salary basis and have all fees paid directly into the county treasury. He took the offices up one by one, compared the recompense now received with that received by men equally efficient in commercial positions, and showed that splendid salaries could be paid to each officer and yet save the people at least \$6,000 each year.

He further stated that, as the present holders of these offices had contracted for them under the present conditions, as will also the next incoming officials, he did not propose to undertake to violate such contracts, and would undertake to have the proposed law go into effect two years hence.

Mr. Pipkin then explained the present cumbersome method of making the tax books of the counties, and said changes could be made with no loss to any one that would save in each county in the state at least \$400 a year, or the handsome sum of \$30,000 to the state, a change which, he felt, if he were able to effect would alone well justify his election as representative. In this connection Mr. Pipkin not only based his ideas on his own knowledge, secured while county clerk, but stated that W. L. Parker, the present holder of the office, coincided with him in the matter.

The speaker expressed his hearty approval of the state tax commission, which last year succeeded in placing on the tax books \$50 million dollars in property, mostly of wealthy people and concerns, which had previously dodged their just share of the burdens, therefore making the burdens of the poor and honest men greater. He said he proposed to assist Governor Donaghey and others in upholding the work of the commission in keeping this property on the tax books. (In this connection it is worth stating that the tax commission stated that Polk county was one that was paying its full share. The counties in which are large cities, such as Pulaski, Sebastian, Garland and Miller are the ones that have shirked more than half their burdens of taxation—Editor).

Mr. Pipkin said he was in favor of a depository law for Polk county because it was unjust to the people to have the officials deposit large sums of county funds in banks, which in turn loaned it out at 10 per cent interest and paid not a cent for the privilege. He not only favored such law but the voters had entrusted him to pass it, and he would do all in his power to conform with their wishes.

He stated that the state law governing private banks was very deficient in that it provided no state inspection or supervision, such as the government provides for national banks. There is, therefore, no protection for depositors in private banks save in

the personal conduct of the officers of a bank. He would work for measures to safeguard the public in this, and, furthermore, favor a law similar to that of Oklahoma which guarantees each depositor against the loss of the money he places in a bank for safe-keeping.

Mr. Pipkin favored in putting Polk county back under the law which made the county assessor and the justices of the peace of each township the board of equalization for that township. He explained how Polk county was taken out from under that law by an error in the last legislature.

He said he believed the Kansas City Southern should be made to fence its right of way through the county as a protection to stock owners.

There was no oratorical closing remarks to Mr. Pipkin's talk and no applause. There was much food for thought in the story told, and the hearers evidently were thinking.

Attorney General Hal L. Norwood then was introduced. Mr. Norwood opened his remarks by stating that Hatfield needed a better school house, which opinion seemed to meet the approval of everyone present. The speaker then stated that Arkansas had \$450,000,000 invested in school houses and spent \$3,000,000 a year for its public schools, aside from hundreds of thousands for school institutions supported out of the general funds of the state. While he did not believe that Arkansas was so far advanced as it should be in schools, he thought it was better off by far than it was given credit for being.

Mr. Norwood spoke of the present prosperity of the people as indicated by the appearance of his audience, and by the large deposits made in the new bank at Hatfield, which only had been established three months. He said he did not know how it was in Polk county, but had a bank been established in Sevier county twenty years ago there would not have been \$500 deposits—that any man having as much as \$2 at a time would have been called upon to tell where he got it.

The attorney general then went into some of his work as attorney general. He said that under the Davis-King Logan anti-trust law he had collected \$25,000 in fines from the packing companies for violations, \$45,000 from the Waters-Pierce Oil Company—in all \$70,000, which had been turned into the school fund of the state. He had also collected \$15,000 under the collateral inheritance tax law since 1901, a law that had previously lain dormant because the legislature had provided no funds for its enforcement.

Mr. Norwood spoke of the immense amount of work in his office. He has, he says, answered 7,000 letters since he assumed the duties, all but fifty of which he had handled personally. He said it was his rule, though not his duty under the law, to give legal advice to any resident of the state asking it. Besides that the attorney general is the legal advisor of twenty-five state boards and a member of several of them.

Mr. Norwood then said he would talk politics, and he did. He began by affirming that he was a Democrat and explained why by stating that it was the Democratic party that had stood by the South in the dark hour of its greatest struggle. He then followed up with the political history of Arkansas in the reconstruction days, and retold the abuses and corruption it had suffered at the hands of Powell Clayton, the carpet bagger, and black allies. Here he read copiously from a state paper of recent date to show that Powell Clayton and his crowd still were in charge of the Republican party of the state and through their machinations kept for a few of their own sort the federal patronage, which to them was of far more moment than any desire for party success in the state.

At the close of Mr. Norwood's remarks baskets were opened and the grounds soon were a scene of enjoyment, when with talk and laughter and good appetites the bountiful supply of "good things to eat" disappeared as if by magic.

The hour set for the baseball game between Wickes and Hatfield teams was 2 o'clock. The game was begun, but before it got far enough to decide as to the merits of the respective teams the rain came and the crowds scattered to shelter, everyone pretty well satisfied with the knowledge that again the crops were "saved"—and they are going to be bumper crops, too.

Hatfield Notes.

W. J. Davis, who has long conducted the only drug store at Hatfield, has sold out to Marcus Johnson and is retiring from all business cares save those of the justice of the peace office which he holds. Mr. Johnson was formerly with T. M. Dover, a leading merchant of Hatfield. He is a brother of F. L. Johnson, county assessor.

Hatfield was one of the points along the Kansas City Southern from which a large amount of pipe was hauled to the right-of-way of the oil pipe line built last winter. Thousands of dollars were distributed there then by the oil

company for labor and supplies. As a result, all are looking forward to another era of activity, as pipe is going down the line in trainloads for another line. It is expected that work will begin in September.

Hatfield is proud of its solid looking little brick and stone bank building with its concrete walk along the front. E. R. Bryant, the cashier, is more than pleased with the business coming to the new institution.

T. M. Dover, J. O. Gates, H. J. Gann and J. W. Montgomery, Hatfield merchants, are unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with business conditions, all having had a good summer trade.

Mrs. R. D. Green, the proprietor of the Star Hotel, is having a fine business, as she deserves. She furnished a good dinner for 111 persons on celebration day.

COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL

Chancellor Shaver Declines to Stop the
Removal Election in Hempstead
County.

Attorney F. L. Monroe of Washington and Attorney D. B. Sain of Nashville were here last week representing the remonstrators against the removal of the county seat of Hempstead county from Washington to Hope.

They had phoned to Chancellor James D. Shaver on Tuesday night and made an appointment with him for Wednesday. When they appeared before him they asked an injunction preventing the sheriff, election commissioners and other officers from carrying out the order of County Judge Wiggs, that the question of the removal of the county seat be voted on at the coming general election, September 12.

Judge Shaver declined to go into the case because no notice had been given by the remonstrators to the other side of their intention to file application for the injunction. He said if notice was properly given he would go into the matter.

The attorneys have not yet decided on their action.

J. I. PHILPOT WITHDRAWS

His Professional Duties Are Such He
Feels He Cannot Afford to Make
Race for Representative.

To the Socialist Party and Citizens of
Polk County:

I am very sorry indeed that my professional obligations and my financial circumstances compel me to withdraw from the race for representative, as candidate of the Socialist party. My interest being identified with the laboring class and the Socialist being the only party that has suggested a remedy that will solve the great question that now confronts the American people, I feel it my duty to render such service as my ability will admit, yet there is another duty of thirty years standing I owe to the people of my country, that is my professional services as a physician. So I deem it my first duty to look after the interest of my patients, whose lives have been so often entrusted to my care. This is the only excuse I have to offer and I think it best for Socialism. I remain
Yours for Socialism,
J. I. Philpot.

MOVING HARDWARE STOCK

Paton & Co's New Store on Mena Street
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A. Paton & Co. was busy last week moving the Richards Hardware Company stock from De Queen street to the old Arcade Store room on Mena street. The moving was completed Friday. Mr. Paton has had a large doorway cut in the wall between his new store and his furniture store and now has a fine big place of business. The hardware stock which he carried along with his furniture and second-hand business has also been moved into the new room.

Giant Sugar Cane.

J. A. Crawford, whose farm is in the western end of Polk county, near Rocky, brought to the office of The Star two giant stalks of sugar cane. One, with the head just sticking out through the leaves at the top, is 10 1/2 feet tall. The other, with no head yet appearing, was a few inches shorter, but evidently would have gone to twelve feet. Mr. Crawford has about three-fourths of an acre in this crop and is sure of all the good sorghum molasses that he and his family can consume and lots to sell.

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GOVERNOR COMMUTES PULLEN'S SENTENCE

After Careful Consideration of Deloney
Murder, Chief Executive Spares
Youth From Gallows—Thinks
Woman Lovelegged Him.

Little Rock, Aug. 10.—Governor Donaghey this afternoon commuted the sentence of Oscar Pullen, who was convicted and sentenced to hang September 2 for the assassination of W. L. Deloney, near Ashdown, Little River county. Pullen sent for the governor yesterday and for the first time since his arrest he expressed a desire to live. Heretofore he has insisted that he was ready to die on the gallows and that he wanted to meet that fate. He recited to the governor the entire history of the case beginning with his infatuation of Mrs. Deloney and leading up to the murder.

Governor Issues Statement.
Governor Donaghey issued the following statement:

"This is a case in which the life of the defendant is at stake. It has been, however, an exceedingly hard matter for me to decide whether or not I should interfere with the verdict of the jury. According to the verdict the penalty was death. The crime for which Pullen was convicted was a most dastardly one, and there are but few factors in its whole history to entitle him to any consideration in the hands of the chief executive. He is a boy, scarcely 24 years of age, according to his statement, which I believe is generally accepted as substantially true. He fell into the hands of a woman whose influence over him was absolute. He had no experience with the ways of the world. This woman planned and dictated every move he made up to the murder of her husband.

Many Asked Clemency.

"Then the spell which he had been working under was removed and in a moment's time he realized the enormity of his deed. Later, when innocent parties were about to be arrested for the commission of the crime, he, realizing how unjust it would be to convict others for the crime he had committed, he at once surrendered himself to the sheriff and acknowledged he was guilty. He did not even employ a lawyer for his defense but acknowledged all details connected with the case. The court had to appoint a lawyer to defend him in order that his conviction might be legal. All those connected with the facts agree Pullen could not have been convicted at all had he not acknowledged committing the murder. He asks for no leniency except that his life be spared and he be given lifetime imprisonment in the penitentiary. The trial judge asks this to be done. The prosecuting attorney asks this and a large part of the jury which tried him request it. Even the circuit judge elect recommends it.

"In addition to these, the county judge, sheriff and other county officials recommended it. Besides, more than 1,000 citizens of the county ask it to be done. As before stated, in case of life or death I am willing to listen to the prayers of the petitioners and all those who have had an opportunity to form a better opinion than I could at this distance and who are much more familiar with all facts and circumstances surrounding the case than I am, and I grant the commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary."

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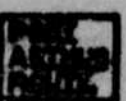
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